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Baldwin Fire Update

July 24, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Location:

- Black Mesa Ranger District
- 4-5 miles south of Heber-Overgaard

Discovery Date: July 19, 2016

Size: Approximately 222 acres

Percent Contained: 10%

Location: Perimeter of fire is bound by FR 50, 50A, 166, 487

Cause: Lightning

Resources Assigned: Two Forest Service hand crews, one Hot Shot crew, Type 2 IA crew, 1 dozer

Summary: Crews are securing the fire perimeter with burnouts along existing 2 track roads and user created trails. The Baldwin Fire is not a threat to the communities of Heber and Overgaard. However, increased smoke from today's burnouts will continue to be visible from the community at times, and smoke may drift into Heber, Overgaard, Forest Lakes, Highway 260 and surrounding areas throughout the weekend. Fire Area did receive some moisture yesterday. Fire is burning in the Rodeo/Chediski burn area.

Smoke is also coming from a small fire on the Fort Apache Reservation (Chuck Box Fire). This fire is due south and below the Mogollon Rim. Smoke from this fire may also impact the Heber and Overgaard communities.

Forest users are responsible for their own safety and are encouraged to use caution as they utilize their forest, and to do so in a responsible manner to ensure the protection of life, property and natural resources. Be aware of your surroundings—"Look up, look down, look all around." If you have any further questions please contact the Black Mesa Ranger District at (928) 535-7300.

Fire Information: Further information on this incident is available on Inciweb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4880/>; 311 via your mobile device, landline 928.333.3412, https://twitter.com/A_SNFs and <https://www.facebook.com/apachesitgreavesnfs>